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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4305

INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

CHUSMTM DHAHRAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 2552

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (ALBERT, CARL)

SUBJECT: CODEL ALBERT

REF: (A) STATE 83162, (B) STATE 70592, (C) STATE 80007,

(D) JIDDA 2281, (E) JIDDA 2312

1. WE HAVE STILL NOT RECEIVED A FORMAL REPLY FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROVING THE SPEAKER'S VISIT APRIL 17-19 BUT HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE DIRECTOR OF WESTERN AFFAIRS THAT THE FORMAL APPROVAL BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ANOTHER MINISTER MAY BE PUT IN PERSONAL CHARGE OF THE VISIT IN VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ABSENCE FROM THE COUNTRY. IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE GONE AHEAD AND APPROACHED ROYAL PROTOCOL IN RIYADH ON THE CALLS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT. WE ARE PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE HIGH-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED REF B ARE OF GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT THAN A SIDE TRIP TO DHAHRAN. THIS MEANS STAYING ON IN RIYADH UNTIL THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 19 AND FLYING DIRECTLY TO KUWAIT, SINCE BOTH CANNOT BE SCHEDULED IN THE SHORT TIME THE SPEAKER WILL BE IN THE KINGDOM.

2. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE SPEAKER WILL RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME IN THE KINGDOM AND THAT HE WILL HAVE THE APPOINT-  
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MENTS REQUESTED REF B IF THE PERSONS ARE IN THE COUNTRY.

UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, IT IS A SAUDI FOLKWAY NOT TO GIVE FINAL CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS UNTIL VERY LATE IN THE GAME. WE MAY NOT, THEREFORE BE ABLE TO FORWARD TO THE SPEAKER A FIRM SCHEDULE WITH TIMES OF APPOINTMENTS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE US. PRESENT OUTLINE SKETCH OF SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 17 1930 ARRIVE JIDDA. PROCEED TO AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR INFORMAL FAMILY DINNER.

APRIL 18 0900 DEPART JIDDA FOR RIYADH VIA USMTM C-12 AIRCRAFT.

1055 ARRIVE RIYADH. APPOINTMENTS FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON, PROBABLY HOSTED BY SAUDI OFFICIAL. EVENING DINNER HOSTED BY SAUDI OFFICIAL.

APRIL 19 APPOINTMENTS IN THE MORNING FOLLOWED BY PRIVATE LUNCHEON.

1500 DEPART FOR KUWAIT VIA USMTM AIRCRAFT.

3. WHILE IN RIYADH THE SPEAKER AND PARTY HAVE RESERVATIONS AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEK. IN JIDDA WE PLAN THAT MAJOR JACKSON WILL STAY WITH THE SPEAKER AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. MR. HOUGHTON WILL BE THE HOUSE GUEST OF POL CHIEF MURPHY WHO IS THE CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT. MURPHY WILL ALSO TRAVEL WITH THE PARTY TO RIYADH. PORTER

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